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" (b) Four maternity centres are working in Chirakkal taluk. The centres are located at Mattool, Baliapattam, Aichur and Pappinisseri."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in view of the fact that there are number of deaths of mothers during child birth for want of medical facilities and scientific guidance and in view of the fact that even the Malabar District Board by a resolution requested the Government to help them in starting the maternity centre in Kambil, Chirakkal taluk, even 15 years back, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to consider the question of sanctioning a maternity centre for Kambil, Chirakkal taluk."

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government are not directly running any maternity or child-welfare centres; in view of the short finances of the District Boards, Government are giving fifty per cent maintenance grant for the maternity centres started in Malabar as against one-fourth grant given for other places."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, since the Government by themselves are not proposing to give this elementary amenity to the people, will the Government at least make some grants if the Panchayat boards start these centres? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. They are allowed to start maternity centres. The Payanoor Panchayat Board has opened one."

Collection of sales tax in South Kanara.

* 229 Q.—

Mr. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member Sri M. S. Mogral is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

Sri M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the total receipts under sales tax for the year 1952–53 in the district of South Kanara; and

(b) the expenditure incurred for the collection of this tax?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Rs. 30,84,271–4–6.

" (b) Rs. 1,36,932–1–1."

Quantity of petrol allotted to the Prohibition department in South Arcot district.

* 230 Q.—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) the total quantity of petrol allotted for the years 1952 and 1953 for the Prohibition department and the actual quantity consumed in South Arcot district; and

(b) if there is any difference in the quantities, the reasons for the same?